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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tetsuo ASADA

Group Art Unit: 3653

Application No.: 10/670,333

Examiner: T. MORRISON

Filed: September 26, 2003

Docket No.: 117173

For: PAPER SEPARATION MECHANISM AND PAPER FEED APPARATUS WITH THE
PAPER SEPARATION MECHANISM

APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005 PERSONAL INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Morrison and Bollinger in the September 8 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

During the interview, Applicant's representative asserted that neither Oleska, Morikawa, Hiroyuki and Chang do not, alone or in permissible combination, teach or suggest a paper feed apparatus and a paper separation mechanism including a plurality of resilient arm portions that hold the respective projections at respective positions, the arm portions being aligned in at least one row along a conveying direction of the paper, as set forth in the independent claims 1 and 13.

Examiners Morrison and Bollinger indicated that they must review the applied references in view of the August 26 Amendment. Further, Examiners Morrison and Bollinger

stated they will perform an updated search for related art before issuing the next Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of 1-29 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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